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IN REPLY REFER TO: SL-066145 SL-066490 U-014218 U-0126947 SL-069291 U-014217 UTU 73516 (LMU) (UT-923)

Mr. Jay Marshall Chief Engineer and Project Manager UtahAmerican Energy, Inc. Lila Canyon Project P. O. Box 986 Price, UT 84501

RE: Design for Portal Closures of the Geneva Mine in Lila Canyon

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Background: On July 31, 2000 UtahAmerican Energy (UEI) acquired the Federal coal leases which encompass the Geneva Mine (Horse Canyon Mine). Two mine portals located in Lila Canyon previously used for ventilating the Geneva Mine (Horse Canyon Mine) had been sealed upon the completion of mining operations as late as 1993. Due to the location of these permanent seals, which are some 50 to 80 feet inby the brow of the entries into the mountainside, inspections were made and it was determined that a potential safety hazard exists for the public. In order to eliminate the hazard, it was concluded that the portals should be backfilled at the access points to the seal locations to prevent entrance into the entries.

Proposal: In order to preclude entry, UEI is proposing to secure the entries by installing reinforced screening on one entry (old fan/return entry) and barring down and adding loose surface materials to form an MSHA backfill in the second (old intake) entry. The approved screening plan for the old fan/return entry is attached. This design replaces the prior approved UEI submittal. The effectiveness of these barriers will be considered in the BLM review of the future proposed final permanent sealing of these entries.

Affected Leases & LMUs: Although the portals are located on Federal lease SL-066145 this approval also affects the Logical Mining Unit UTU- 73516 which was approved on January 27, 1999.

Inspection: The portals were inspected on two different occasions (May 2, 2006 and June 16, 2006) by representatives from UEI, the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (UDOGM) and the BLM. It appeared as though there had been no visitation or vandalism since the permanent seals had been installed.

Approval: The BLM approves the construction of the reinforced screening in the old fan/return entry and the backfill method in the old intake entry as temporary mine access barriers.

Conditions of Approval: This approval is subject to the following conditions:

- Annual monitoring and reporting of the reinforced screening and backfill verifying stability and to check for possible vandalism. The reports shall contain a dated photo and is due by May 1 of each subsequent year following construction of the temporary barrier.
- In the event of vandalism to or destruction of the reinforced screening and backfill, a review will be conducted and a plan for corrective action will be made and submitted to BLM for approval within 30 days after the vandalism/destruction is discovered.

This approval does not constitute authorizations as required by other governmental agencies or any other permits necessary to proceed with the project.

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Rigby of the Price Field Office at (435) 636-3604 or Jeff McKenzie of the BLM State Office at (801) 539-4038.

Sincerely,

JAMES FRONLER

James F. Kohler Chief, Branch of Solid Minerals

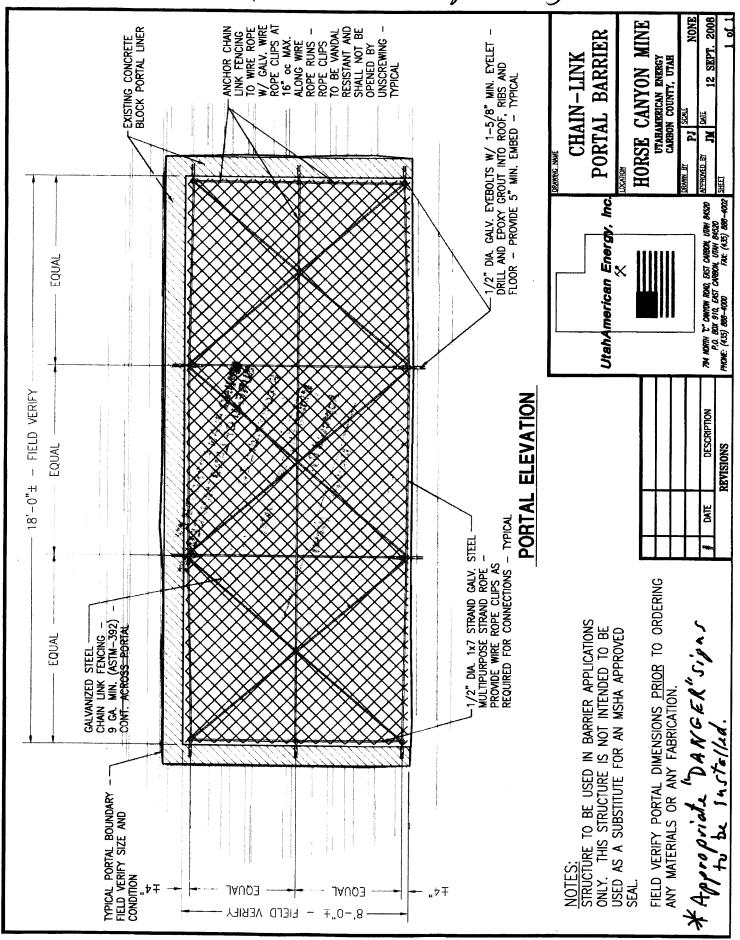
Enclosures:

Approved Construction Design (UEI 12-27-06, rev. 9-12-08)

cc: UT-070, Price Field Office (w/ Enclosure)
Utah Division of Oil Gas and Mining (w/ Enclosure)
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